

--7. A method for operation a network among a plurality of communication devices, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) using a first communication device to perform a page scan which checks whether or not at least one other communication device is present in the communicable range of the first communication device, and determining the presence of at least one other communication device according to a response to the page scan; and

(b) when there is at least one other communication device, establishing the first communication device as a master of the network.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said master causes the first communication device to store slave information and to broadcast the slave information to said at least one other communication device.--

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 were pending in the application prior to this Amendment. The present Preliminary Amendment amends claim 1 for clarity and adds claims 7-8 to further define the invention. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

If there are any issues which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.